

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on January 10, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 25, 1/5/2007; SB 145, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: SB 178, SB 131

00:00:00 Chairman Lind

HEARING ON SB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:50 **SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22**, opened the hearing on **SB 25**, Revise contract timber harvest laws.

Presentation:

00:02:13 David Groeschl, Bureau Chief, Forest Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nas06a01)

Proponents:

00:07:19 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

EXHIBIT(nas06a02)

00:11:13 Kathy Bramer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents:

00:12:45 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:18:14 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(nas06a03)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:49 Sen. Curtiss to David Groeschl, DNRC

00:21:48 Sen. Wanzenried to David Groeschl, DNRC

00:27:50 David Groeschl, DNRC

00:28:36 Sen. Lind

00:28:47 Sen. Wanzenried to Anne Hedges, MEIC

00:31:51 Sen. Perry to David Groeschl, DNRC

00:38:44 Sen. Gebhardt to Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust
Lands Division, DNRC

00:42:42 Sen. Kaufmann to David Groeschl, DNRC

00:44:21 Sen. Lind to David Groeschl, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:02 Sen. Larson

HEARING ON SB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:49 **SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT, SD 23, ROUNDUP**, opened the hearing
on **SB 145**, Revise wildfire protection laws.

Proponents:

00:49:58 Ted Mead, Bureau Chief, Wildland Fire Division, DNRC

EXHIBIT (nas06a04)

01:01:52 Sheryl Wood, Montana Wood Association (MWA)

01:02:29 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

Opponents:

01:09:01 Leonard Lundby, Manchester Fire Department

01:11:11 Jim Dusenberry, President of Montana Fire Districts

01:12:35 Clinton Cain, Gallatin County, Fellow Citizens for
Future Youth

EXHIBIT (nas06a05)

01:20:09 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:18 Sen. Gebhardt to Ted Mead, DNRC

01:25:25 Sen. Kaufmann to Ted Mead, DNRC

01:28:31 Sen. Kaufmann to Clinton Cain, Fellow Citizens for
Future Youth

01:29:39 Sen. Wanzenried to Ted Mead, DNRC

01:34:19 Sen. Perry to Ted Mead, DNRC

01:35:30 Sen. Perry to Leonard Lundby, Manchester Fire
Department

01:39:51 Sen. Tropila to Ted Mead, DNRC

01:42:52 Sen. Tropila to Leonard Lundby, Manchester Fire
Department

01:44:40 Sen. Perry to Leonard Lundby, Manchester Fire
Department

01:46:02 Sen. Curtiss to Ted Mead, DNRC

01:48:24 Sen. Lind to Joe Kolman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:37 Sen. Gebhardt

01:52:35 Sen. Lind to Sen. Gebhardt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON RULES

01:55:21 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LIND moved that PROXY VOTES BE
ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN.
WANZENRIED voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 178

01:55:48 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. KAUFMANN moved that SB 178 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN.
WANZENRIED voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 131

01:57:20 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 131 DO
PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:58:01 Sen. Kaufmann

01:58:51 Sen. Lind

02:01:30 Sen. Gebhardt

02:02:28 Chairman Lind

02:03:15 Sen. Kaufmann

02:03:36 Sen. Lind

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

GL/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas06aad.pdf](#))